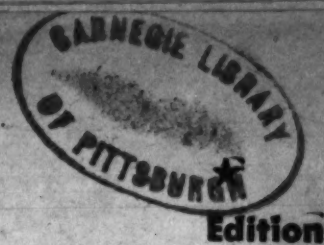


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U.S. TANKS PURSUE SAAR NAZIS

Patton 10 Mi. from Mainz; Push North from Remagen



Freed by the Soviets: Tanks and other Allied troops liberated by the Red Army from Nazi concentration camps are shown at the top heading for Odessa. The officers are wearing their insignia on hats provided by the Red Army. At the bottom, the liberated soldiers are shown lining the deck of a ship in Odessa harbor. About 1,200 Americans have arrived in this way in Middle East ports.

PARIS, March 19 (UP).—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tank columns raced to within 10 miles of Mainz today in a lightning drive to trap 80,000 panic-stricken German troops, and front dispatches said the battle of the Saar Basin may be over within 48 hours.

Other units of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army drove more than two miles south along the bottom of the Remagen bridgehead, extending their foothold across the Rhine to 19 miles wide and eight miles deep and grabbing another mile and a half of the Cologne-Frankfurt superhighway to the Ruhr. The Yanks now control seven and a half miles of the road.

Hodges drove northward into Obercassel making a swift exploitation of yesterday's break through the last hills rimming the bridgehead in the north. Obercassel is 10 miles north of Remagen and less than two miles across the Rhine from Bonn's southern outskirts.

The third great encirclement of the Rhineland campaign was roaring toward a climax in the Saar Basin. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tank divisions, flashing in a dozen directions through the Saar, cut the Germans into five rapidly-closing pockets and drove within 60 miles of meeting the French First Army.

PLANES LASH FOE

Fifteen infantry divisions of the U. S. Third and Seventh armies—180,000 to 225,000 troops—and the equivalent of seven tank divisions were hammering the Germans from every side, while thousands of planes, flying in bright weather, lashed the fleeing enemy.

The Third Army's tanks and infantry overran at least 50 towns as they ripped through the enemy's soft rear areas and hammered for the Rhine to cut off bridge crossings at Mainz, Worms, Ludwigshafen-Mannheim, Speier and Germansheim.

The French First Army, hurling the new 14th Armored Division and a force of Goums into the battle, speared nine miles north through the Alsace plain against what Allied headquarters described as a full German retreat, to battle into the eastern Siegfried anchor town of Lauterbourg on the Rhine.

CLOSE ON WISSEMBOURG

Collapse of the Siegfried center of Wissembourg appeared certain as the 14th Armored Division drove into its suburb of Altenstadt while the 36th Infantry Division attacked from the south, driving within a mile of the city by capturing Rott.

The 42nd Infantry Division of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army also was outflanking Wissembourg from the northwest, where the Yanks seized a bridge across Saarbach Creek intact and captured the town of Schonau.

The Germans were reported to have destroyed all four serviceable bridges at Mainz as the Fourth Armored Division crashed across a captured span on the Nahe River and drove into Vendersheim, 10 miles southwest of Mainz.

"It appears entirely possible tonight that German defenses west of the Rhine may completely collapse within the next 48 to 56 hours," United Press correspondent Robert Richards, riding with the Fourth Armored's leading spearheads, reported.

Hodges' drive into Obercassel swept through the towns of Nieder Dollendorf and Ober Dollendorf and threatened to turn his powerful tank formations loose in a sweeping drive through flat plain country into the Ruhr triangle less than 20 miles away at Cologne-Deutz.

The southward drive in the bridgehead captured Rockenfeld, five miles southeast of Hoennigen, and swept into Hammerstein, on the Rhine two and a half miles south of Honnigen.

Troops of Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig's Ninth Division, fighting through woods and over steep hills, drove northeast of Hohn, fought their way into Birken and stormed across the superhighway southeast of Birken to capture Dinkelbach on the east side of the road.

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GOP Cries 'Famine' in Move Against Allies

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Republicans in Congress aided by spokesmen for the big meat packing companies are trying to panic the American people by raising hysterical cries of a meat "famine."

They have started a double offensive aimed simultaneously at the President's policy of sending food to the hungry peoples of Europe and at price control and other government regulations.

Without a single voice raised in opposition, the Senate today passed a resolution introduced by Senator Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, GOP whip in the Senate and die-hard foe of United Nations cooperation, to investigate all phases of food production and distribution.

The investigation will be conducted by a Senate Agriculture Subcommittee and will have \$5,000 at its disposal.

THE FACTS ON MEAT CONSUMPTION

The anticipated 12 percent cut in meat consumption means that the average American will be eating at a rate of 115 pounds a year as against 145 pounds last year.

This compares with British rations which are being cut down to give every person an average of only 25 pounds a year.

Reason for the cut is that American meat ship-

ments to Britain are being reduced 90 percent in the next three months from 200,000,000 pounds to 25,000,000.

Americans are now consuming 3,367 calories per person per day compared with 700 for the average Greek and 1,900 for the average French city dweller.

These figures don't seem to indicate that Americans are starving yet, or are in a position to pity themselves as compared with their Allies in Europe.

Similar resolutions were introduced in the House by Reps. August Anderson (R-Min), Edward H. Rees (R-Kan) and Clinton Anderson (D-NM).

Rep. Paul Shafer (R-Mich), a loud-mouthed isolationist, challenged the President's statement that common decency requires the United States to help the liberated countries by sending food.

"Let me say that decency, like

charity, begins at home," Shafer said.

Rep. Thomas F. Jenkins (R-O), chairman of the GOP Food Study Committee, questioned the need for sending food to Europe because of "wide variance" in reports as to how urgent is the need.

AIM GUN AT OPA

From Chicago the American Meat Institute claimed after a survey of 713 concerns that a meat

shortage "bordering on famine" is developing in many parts of the country.

The AMI revealed what it was after by demanding that price controls and government regulations be lifted as the only way to increase meat production.

Grover Hill, assistant War Food Administrator, promptly denied that a "meat famine" is in the offing.

In the opinion of many Washington experts one reason that there is less food than anticipated is that officials in WFA paid too much heed to lobbyists for AMI and other spokesmen for the so-called farm bloc.

Lulled by reports of over-abundant production in farm areas, WFA tended to follow a policy of urging relaxation of rationing controls as well as of steps to stimulate and plan food production.

Rationing of many foods was abandoned over the stiff opposition of OPA Administrator Chester Bowles, "who foresaw difficulties ahead."

Some Congressional policies, such as freezing of farm labor in areas where it was not as urgently needed as in others and opposition to subsidies for increased production, were also a factor.

Another Employer-Paid Health Plan Won Here for 25,000 Without Strike

The first industry-wide social security plan for hotel workers in the country was put into effect yesterday with the signing here yesterday of master policies covering the nearly 25,000 members of the New York Hotel Trades Council. AFL, employed in the city's 133 union-contract hotels.

The social security plan was ordered set up by a three-man arbitration commission, of which Edward P. Mulrooney, impartial Hotel Industry chairman, was head, after direct negotiations between the union and the Hotel Association failed to result in agreement.

Under the award, the union hotel operators pay into the insurance fund an amount equal to three percent of their weekly pay rolls. However, for the first six months, beginning June 1, 1944, they were ordered to make a payment of six percent to establish a reserve.

The agreement in the hotel industry, follows by one week a similar agreement which added 100,000 cotton garment workers to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers health and hospitalization plan.

John L. Lewis, meanwhile, continues to beat the strike drums at Washington coal negotiations for a 10 cents a ton royalty for a like program, ignoring the progress other unions are making without strike.

MILLION A YEAR

The insurance program, which is employer-financed and union-administered, will cost the hotel operators more than \$1,000,000 a year. Under it, union hotel workers receive comprehensive, liberal life, sickness and accidents insurance and family hospitalization.

Underwriters with whom the master policies were signed are the Prudential Insurance Co. of America and the Associated Hospital

Service of New York.

Union members working in union-contract hotels will receive the following benefits free:

A \$1,000 life insurance policy, with "double indemnity,"—\$1,000 added in case of accidental death—and \$1,000 dismemberment benefits, covering accidental loss of limbs, etc.

Sickness and accident benefits of \$12 a week for male, \$10 for female workers, up to 26 weeks for each separate disability due to illness or accident.

Hospital care for periods of 21 days for each separate illness, half rates for additional periods. Hospital care includes bed and board in semi-private accommodations; use of hospital facilities; needed drugs, including even the new "wonder drug" penicillin.

Hospitalization is provided not only for the member, but also for the member's wife or husband, and children under 18.

Returning veterans, who left hotel jobs for the armed services, will be covered by the insurance immediately when they resume their hotel jobs.

The program is launched with a reserve of about \$1,000,000.

Edmund B. Whittaker, second vice president and actuary of Prudential signed the insurance master policy, while that for hospital care was signed by Frank van Dyk, vice-president of the Associated Hospital Service.

Jay Rubin, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Insurance Fund set up to handle the social security program signed on behalf of the New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association Insurance Fund.



Jewish religious services are being held in Goebbels' former residence in Muechen-Gladbach, Germany, in memory of soldiers who lost their lives in the Roer River drive. The services are being held in the Schloss Rheydt Castle, which was the former home of Dr. Joseph Paul Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister. Pfc. Abraham Mirmelstein, Newport News, Va., holds the Holy Scroll as Capt. Manuel M. Pollakoff, Baltimore, and Cpl. Martin Willen, cantor, of Baltimore, conduct the services.

Sees Junction Of Allied Armies Soon in Reich

LONDON, March 19 (UP). — A Red Army colonel predicted today that a simultaneous multi-pronged blow of "stupendous force" would be launched against the Nazis soon, resulting in the linking up of Allied armies "somewhere in central Germany."

Pointing out that only 300 miles separates Soviet armies in the east from the Allied forces in the west, Col. Ivan Kolomeitsev said that "operational contact," which has already been established between the two fronts, "is becoming ever closer . . . and everything seems to point to a strictly elaborated and timed plan of Allied coordination." The prediction was contained in a dispatch in the Soviet Embassy bulletin, Soviet War News.

Col. Kolomeitsev explained that as long as great distances separated the armies, their operations of necessity were independent.

"We can easily imagine the interaction of the two fronts at the concluding stage of the war," he said. "It will be a blow of stupendous force delivered simultaneously from several quarters as a result of which Allied armies will link up somewhere in central Germany. I think we shall not have to wait long for that moment."

Byrnes Appeals to Cities To Maintain Midnight Curfew

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes acknowledged yesterday that he is powerless to force New York or any other city to abide by the midnight curfew but, in an appeal to patriotism, he put the rest of the nation on its honor not to follow Mayor LaGuardia's example.

LaGuardia on Sunday extended the city's curfew to 1 a. m.

The mobilization chief said he was gratified by public response since the order went into effect early this month, as well as by the manpower and transportation savings it has brought. He added that the government does not intend to withdraw it.

"There have been no changes in the condition which led to its issuance," Byrnes said. "It was one of a series of conservation measures designed to save coal, manpower and transportation at a crucial period in the war. We must convince our fighting forces that the home front is prepared to sacrifice for their support."

"Our casualties during the past two weeks are estimated at approximately 2,000 per day. At home we

are still confronted with shortages in essential services. Now is not the time to relax in any way our effort at home," he said.

When Byrnes issued his edict last month, he vested enforcement in War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt.

A United Press survey of major cities showed they would continue to observe Byrnes' curfew hour. Only exception was that of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission which ruled that bars could remain open until midnight central time, thus granting an extra hour since most Michigan communities are on eastern time.

Byrnes said "we cannot set one standard for New York City and another for the rest of the country."

Meanwhile in New York City, confusion was added by the announcement of City Councilman Quinn (D-Queens) who said he planned to introduce a bill tomorrow permitting establishments to remain open until 4 a. m. Quinn, however, has always opposed the curfew law.

Upright Eggs in Office Here Don't Lie

THEY STAND ON END WHEN THEY'RE COOL AND NEWLY COLLECTED

Eggs stood on end yesterday, right in the main news room of the United Press.

They weren't "fixed," boiled or shaken until the yolks broke. They were just plain fresh eggs, laid less than 12 hours previously by American chickens on a Bucks County, Pennsylvania farm.

When United Press war correspondent Walter Rundle saw eggs stand on end in Chungking several weeks ago and started a mild world-wide controversy with his report, his Chinese hosts explained that the phenomenon occurred only on the first hour of the first day of spring in China.

But spring doesn't arrive in New York until 7:38 p.m. EWT today.

The eggs stood on end yesterday. Eighteen others from the same flock of New Hampshire Reds stood on end the day before.

In fact, these hens probably have been laying end-standing eggs since they were pullets. Their produce just never was tried for anything but breakfast before.

An A. P. reporter was examining some eggs on a farm near Doylestown, Pa., Sunday. And, remembering Rundle's story, stood one on end. It stayed, perfectly balanced. He tried another. The room became very quiet. It stood on end, too.

Then he took some eggs from a nest. They weren't so talented.

But after they had cooled in a refrigerator for a while they, too, stood on end.

The controversy started again yesterday in the office. A dozen of the Bucks County eggs proved the story. With a little care, they stood on their big end. One of them stood on its little end.

Several persons remarked that the eggs looked very silly.

It appeared that egg balancing is helped if the eggs are fresh but have been allowed to cool in a refrigerator. They also should be allowed to "rest" after being moved or violently shaken. A steady hand is important.

But they stand on end, either end.



A Norwegian girl, suffering from two broken arms, is carried down the gangplank at a British port, after she and 524 Norwegians, mostly women and children, were rescued by four destroyers of the British Home Fleet. For three months the Norwegians had been hiding from German patrols on the Island of Soroy, about 300 miles above the Arctic Circle.

CED for Bretton Woods; Changes Are Suggested

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The Committee for Economic Development today recommended approval of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development proposed at Bretton Woods.

CED, a prominent businessmen's organization, also supported the international monetary fund phase of the Bretton Woods plan, but on condition that the bank be "strengthened."

Ralph E. Flanders, chairman of the CED research committee, at a lengthy press conference in the Statler Hotel, defended the CED's position before a battery of apparently pro-Bretton Woods questions shot at him from reporters of conservative midwestern newspapers in Chicago, Detroit, and Minneapolis, and some eastern cities.

Assuring them in answer to queries that this was not the sort of "yes-but" approval voiced by the American Bankers Association, Flanders insisted both fund and bank are "so badly needed" that it would be unfortunate for the impression to go out that CED opposed them.

The CED recommendation was that "at an appropriate time, which would not delay its approval," the bank's powers be broadened "to include the extension of the general long-term or short-term loans for stabilization purposes."

"After the bank is strengthened in this way, we feel that the management of the fund should be able to use the fund strictly for currency transactions."

"Accordingly, the dangers inherent in the fund as it now stands would be substantially reduced and we would recommend that the fund be approved."

Coming

Louis F. Budenz has gone to Detroit to survey the situation in the auto industry. Harry Raymond is touring the mine fields of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Their first reports will appear in the coming issue of *The Worker*.

If the bank were not so "strengthened," said the report, "or unless there are weighty political or diplomatic considerations," they would recommend that the fund be postponed and some of its functions taken over by the bank.

CONSULTED TREASURY

Reporters asked if this would mean that there would have to be another convention of nations to approve such a change, Flanders said he thought not. Asked if they had consulted with State Department and Treasury officials, he said they had—but before they reached their conclusion, so that they did not explore the Treasury's view as to whether the agreement might be so altered without necessitating another international conference.

He would, he said, "be surprised to find that the Treasury took any violent exceptions."

Asked what the CED position would be if other countries objected, Flanders replied: "We would still say it would be exceedingly dangerous to make long-term loans under the fund."

One reporter pointed out that we were in a "last-ditch" fight, Flanders replied smilingly that "we're not in the last ditch."

"Oh, yes, we are. It's before Congress now," said the reporter.

"That's just the first one," said Flanders.

The loans CED says should be handled by the bank are described as "loans designed to provide for imports of a variety of goods and services in a general restoration of a country's powers of production and trade."

Asked if "weighty political considerations" were not in fact that "if Bretton Woods is rejected there will be a terrible impact on the world," Flanders said he hoped their proposals would be seen as completely constructive.

Democratic Bloc Gains in Finn Poll

Finland's new popular front—the Democratic People's Union comprising Communists, small landowners and Socialists opposed to the official Social Democratic Party—made substantial gains largely at the expense of the Social Democrats in this weekend's national elections.

The Democratic Union won 51 seats, almost complete returns indicated, polling 328,961 votes. The Social Democratic Party, dominated by Valno Tanner, who never repudiated his support of Finland's two anti-Soviet wars, retained 52 seats and lost 35. Its popular vote was 334,838. Previously the Social Democrats were by far the strongest single party in the country.

Four old line conservative parties stand as follows: Agrarians retained 46 seats, lost 11; Conservatives gained three for a total of 28; Swedish People's retained 16 seats, lost two; Liberals retained seven.

RECORD VOTE

The popular vote for each of the conservative parties is unclear from early dispatches. The Agrarians apparently got their 46 seats on the basis of a popular vote of 197,000 although more than half again as many votes netted the Democratic Union only five more seats.

The poll of 1,800,000 votes is Finland's heaviest balloting on record. In 1936, 1,300,000 voted.

The Democratic Union, which now emerges as the most vital force in Finnish politics, especially in view of deep rifts in the Social Democratic Party, ran on a platform including: strict fulfillment of armistice terms with the Soviet Union, speedy purge of pro-fascists and full participation in the war against Germany.

Honor Memory Of Boruchowitz

Twelve hundred people, most of them members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Sunday heard William Z. Foster describe the late Joseph Boruchowitz as one who expressed "the finest traditions" of the Jewish working people. Boruchowitz died two years ago.

Foster, vice-president of the Communist Political Association, was the principal speaker at a memorial for the popular rank and file leader of the garment workers, at Manhattan Center.

Other speakers were close co-workers who were associated with Boruchowitz through decades of struggle. Among them were Charles Nemeroff, Abe Weiss, I. Moskowitz, Barnett Cooper, all active rank and file workers in the ILGWU.

In commemoration of Boruchowitz, the meeting contributed \$1,128 for the Morning Freiheit, the Jewish language progressive paper he worked hard to establish and maintain.

Romania's Businessmen Needed, Says Communist

Romania cannot afford to lose the services of patriotic merchants and industrialists, Communist Minister of Justice Lucratiu Patrascanu told M. S. Handler of United Press in an interview made public yesterday.

Another Romanian leader told revolution in there would be no revolution in Romania in the near future because the country cannot afford one. He said the financial resources and the technical and commercial skill of the middle class were essential for reconstruction.

Communists Win 5 Seats in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 19.—Incomplete returns from Colombia's Congressional election yesterday indicated that President Alfonso Lopez' Liberals would retain a 2-1 majority in the Chamber of Deputies. The Communist Party appears to have won at least five seats, an increase of four.

Polish Armies Join Zhukov Baltic Drive

LONDON, March 19 (UP).—The Moscow war bulletin told tonight of fighting around the East Prussian pocket southwest of Königsberg where over 30 communities and 2,158 Germans were captured, and in the streets of Breslau.

Moscow announced that in Sunday's capture of the Pomeranian Baltic port of Kolberg the Red Army captured 6,000 Germans and killed 8,000. Soviet heavy bombers made another big raid on Danzig last night.

German reports said that two great battles raged on the flanks of the Eastern Front, with Red Army forces tearing new breaches in the German lines outside the Baltic port of Stettin and across the upper Oder River in Silesia. Berlin said Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov denied the Nazi lines for almost a mile southeast of the fortified suburb of Altdamm.

Hundreds of Soviet big guns were battering Stettin night and day. Moscow dispatches said that Polish First and Second Armies had swung in alongside the Soviet armies comprising Zhukov's crack First White Russian Army.

Ten other Soviet armies of the Second White Russian Army continued blasting toward the encircled Baltic ports of Danzig and Gdynia.

Father in a Day Speeds Away

PARIS, March 19 (UP).—Married at noon and a father by midnight was too fast, a bridegroom complained in court.

The unidentified couple after a brief acquaintance had a lavish high-noon ceremony. Early in the afternoon the bride complained of a "slight illness."

At midnight the bridegroom was told he was the father of a "beautiful little boy."

Intolerance Hit By Sen. Lucas in Williams Debate

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Jaw-baiters were under attack in Congress today as Sen. Scott W. Lucas, (D-Ill.), struck back at the forces of intolerance opposing the confirmation of Aubrey Williams as Rural Electrification Administrator.

Lucas' rebuke, directed at Sen. Theodore H. Bilbo and the "intolerance" forces lined up with him, climaxed the Williams debate, which opened this afternoon after the Senate voted 52 to 33 to set aside the Mexican water treaty and take up the REA nomination.

Bilbo tagged his crack at the Jews onto a discussion of the divinity of Christ. Bigots have been charging Williams with not believing in the Divinity.

Both Bilbo and Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D-Tenn.), have been encouraging the bigots. But today Bilbo admitted that that wasn't the issue. Then he sneeringly added the remark that the Jews also didn't believe in the divinity of Christ, and if that were the test for holding jobs they would have to be fired.

Pointing his long arm at the Mississippian, Lucas thundered, "I resent the remark which the Senator from Mississippi made on the Senate floor about the Jews."

"That is the kind of intolerance and bigotry that is fighting against Aubrey Williams at this time."

When McKellar cried that Williams had spent \$155,000,000 on behalf of "Communist organizations," while he was heading the National Youth Administration, Lucas coldly asked him:

"What is communism?"

"I don't know," answered the aged Tennessee, "and I don't want to know."

The Illinois senator spent much time exposing the Dies committee investigators who have smeared Williams. J. B. Matthews, chief Dies' investigator, he called an "unsavory character" who had declared he would not defend America against the Japanese.

Negro, White Fight Together In Mixed Units for First Time

PARIS, March 19 (UP). — Negro and white troops are fighting side by side—for the first time in American history—in the infantry companies of the U.S. 1st and 7th Armies, it was disclosed today in a front dispatch by the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes.

The mixture of the races in unified commands was made

Bridges Plea By Lawyers to FDR

WASHINGTON, March 19.—A petition asking cancellation of deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO leader, was sent to the White House yesterday by the National Lawyers Guild, of which Attorney Gen. Robert Walker Kenny of California is president.

The Guild asks President Roosevelt to intervene to set aside the deportation.

"If Harry Bridges," says the petition, "a well-loved leader of a strong American trade union, were permitted to suffer the punishment of exile from a land in which he had lived almost 25 years, for an alleged course of conduct which is today the key to both the success of our arms and of a durable peace, would not fair-minded men everywhere tend to suspect the good faith of our commitments?"

Drugstore Bias In Jobs Fought

Organized Harlem druggists have set up a labor-management committee to promote a better understanding between union and drugstore owners, to combat racial and religious discrimination in employment and to bring about full employment "at the highest possible standards" while supporting legislation beneficial to the industry. Initiators of the program are members of the Retail Drug Employees Union, Local 1199, CIO.

Howard O. Reckling, president of the North Harlem Pharmaceutical Association and an employer, said Harlem druggists had been waging a bitter struggle to realize the aims of the newly announced program. Negroes own 13 drugstores in Harlem, he said, not nearly enough to absorb all the competent Negro pharmacists.

He said that despite difficulties, Negro pharmacists had finally "cracked" the employment wall in the Harlem area. He added:

"But we want to be hired wherever druggists are needed and not just in Harlem."

We are at war. . . . Every Wednesday is waste-paper collection day in New York City.

An Editorial

AMALGAMATED ACTION REFUTES DUBINSKY

By a striking coincidence the Amalgamated Clothing Workers consummated its affiliation with the New York City CIO Council in the very week that David Dubinsky's official organ launched an irresponsible attack upon that central body and reembraced John L. Lewis.

This development highlights the sharp contrast between the leaderships of the ACW and the International Ladies Garment Workers.

David Dubinsky, ILG president, appears in his role of splitter of CIO ranks and supporter of Lewis, who disrupts the war effort and incites anti-Semitism.

Sidney Hillman and his associates in leadership of the ACW, on the other hand, took a step to consolidate CIO ranks, strengthen labor unity in New York and extend the progressive leadership that the CIO Council is providing.

after repeated requests by the Negroes that they be permitted to enter combat units, the newspaper said in a dispatch from the U. S. 1st Army.

The Negro infantrymen were picked from the thousands of applicants who had been working as service and supply troops and who volunteered after a special appeal by Lieut. Gen. John C. H. Lee, who told them:

"It is planned to assign you without regard to race or color to units where your assistance is most needed. Your comrades at the front are anxious to share the glory of victory with you. Your relatives and friends are urging that you be granted this privilege."

"The Supreme Commander is confident that many of you will take advantage of the opportunity to carry on in keeping with the glorious record of colored troops in former wars."

The original quota was quickly exceeded and hundreds of volunteers were rejected, Stars and Stripes said. Some 2,300 were accepted and given a refresher infantry course.

Applications came from port battalions unloading materials as well as the famed Negro truck companies. The newspaper said that 171 men out of the 186 in one engineer regiment had volunteered and four first sergeants in another unit accepted a lowering in rank to private in order to qualify for training. From one laundry unit, 100 out of 260 men volunteered but only 36 were chosen.

Brig. Gen. B. O. Davis, the Army's highest Negro officer, reviewed the volunteers. Their sentiments were summarized by PFC. Leroy Kemp of Atlantic City, N. J., who said:

"We're all in this together now. That's how it should be. Most of the Negro troops in service outfits have been giving lots of sweat. Now I think we'll mix some blood with it."

UAW Asks Addes Be Deferred

DETROIT, March 19 (FP).—Though he himself opposed making an appeal, the United Auto Workers (CIO) is appealing classification of secretary-treasurer George F. Addes in 1-A.

Walter P. Reuther, vice-president, recently won a 2-B classification.

"If an appeal is filed for my deferment, it is done against my wishes," Addes said.

Negro Leaders Hail Mixed Combat Units

DR. LAWRENCE REDDICK, head of the Schomburg Collection, 135 St. Public Library:

"If the announcement of the merging of Negro and white combat troops of the First United States Army on the Western Front indicates an official change in policy, this is one of the greatest steps yet made toward a thoroughly democratic army," said Dr. Lawrence Reddick, head of the Schomburg Collection, 135 St. Public Library.

"Here again war necessity has proved to military officialdom what war correspondents from the fighting fronts have reported repeatedly: that Negro soldiers are eager to fight whenever and wherever they are permitted to fight on terms of equality with all other soldiers. Naturally, this policy should be extended to all fighting fronts and should be a cardinal point in all plans for armies of occupation and limited training for mobilization, if any, during the postwar period," he said.

DR. CHANNING H. TOBIAS, another Negro leader and senior secretary of the National YMCA, also greeted the news.

"Although it can be regarded as a very important development, it is not a surprising one, because anyone who knows anything at all about the situation at the battle front knows that it not only undemocratic but impossible to maintain fighting fronts along racial separatist lines. It is to be hoped that experiences on the battle front reshape the pattern of military organization here at home so that Americans will no longer fool themselves that it is possible to execute war along racial separatist lines."

State Democrats to Step Up Fight for Cities

HIT DEWEY BODY'S FAILURE TO OFFER MORE FUNDS NOW

ALBANY, March 19.—Democrats today prepared to center their fire on the demand for more state aid to municipalities this year as the State Legislature moved to consider the report of the Moore Commission to revise state-city financial relations.

Yesterday, State Democratic Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick criticized the report for its failure to recommend additional funds now for the hard-pressed cities. The Moore report, handed down last week, proposed that the various localities be given more money starting next year.

Actually, the recommendations made by this committee, appointed by the Governor, will not grant even for the future, the substantial increases originally reported.

According to the report, the proposal to substitute a flat \$100,000,000 to be apportioned to the localities, in place of the present state-shared taxes, would increase the amount the state pays to the cities in that category by about \$17,000,000 above the 1943-44 fiscal year. But since that time, the state has been turning over the utility tax and the mortgage transfer tax, amounting to about \$20,000,000 a year.

The committee also proposed that the share by the localities in relief costs be cut to 20 percent,

but part of the saving may be lost through the decrease in state-shared taxes.

The National Lawyers Guild today announced the election bills which would deprive workers of the usual two hours off to vote on Election Day, would limit the rights of independent parties and would prevent a candidate from running on more than one party ticket.

The Guild also disapproved of all merit rating and unemployment insurance rebate bills now pending, including the Falk-Gugino bill. In

Newark 'News' Raps Gideonse

Since the Larry Pearlstein basketball scandal became public, Brooklyn College president Dr. Harry D. Gideonse has been taking an editorial blasting from many newspapers. Latest to join the attack against Gideonse was the March 15 issue of the Newark Evening News, which strongly attacked the New Leader columnist's "defense."

"Dr. Gideonse's defense is a familiar one," said the editorial. "He offers the suggestion so often heard when government agencies are under investigation for poor performance or worse, that his budget is insufficient, salaries are too low, the institution is understaffed, overworked, etc., etc."

"Too, he blames the press. He complains that the news about his non-student player 'hit the front page with a two-column head the very day the troops establish a bridgehead across the Rhine.' Tsk, tsk, Dr. Gideonse, just what is the connection?" asked the editorial.

"He can't, of course, mean that a Rhine bridgehead, or a bombing raid on Japan or raising the flag on Iwo Jima ought to make the press indifferent to crooked college athletics at home. Or would that be a suitable subject for debate at Town Hall?"

The editorial also scored Gideonse's whine that his administration's laxness is due to manpower shortage.

News Capsules

East Side to Hear First Lady

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT will talk April 5 at 8:30 p.m. at Seward Park High School Auditorium, Essex and Grand Sts., at the first of four mass meetings to be held by East Side citizens on postwar world organization, it was announced by Helen Hall of Henry St. Settlement. On April 12, J. Raymond Walsh, CIO economist, will speak on "Freedom From Fear and Want. A graphic explanation of the Dumbarton Oaks plan for world organization will be given April 19. The April 25 meeting will hear Lisa Sergio, radio commentator.

Scores of residents in the WISCONSIN lowlands were evacuated yesterday as the Mississippi, swollen by the flood waters of its tributaries, passed flood level and authorities prepared to open the flood gates at Chippewa Falls, Wis.

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's personal adviser on foreign affairs, may participate indirectly in the San Francisco Security Conference next month, it was learned yesterday. Dulles, it was understood, may go to the parley as an aide to Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich), a member of the official United States delegation. . . . THE MILWAUKEE Joint Committee on Dumbarton Oaks Week

has obtained 25 speakers to appear before civic organizations, give radio talks, etc., during Dumbarton Oaks Week, April 15 to 22, in Milwaukee.

Demolition proceedings for a DETROIT Medical Center project on the East Side should not be started before provision is made for relocation of the hundreds of Negro families that would be made homeless, it was declared at a mass meeting at Bethel AME Church, in Detroit, addressed by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell. . . . The WISCONSIN AFL and CIO joined with church groups, women's clubs, Negro and interracial organizations, Jewish and civic groups to support a bill creating a Wisconsin Fair Employment Act, at a hearing of a joint legislative committee on labor, in the state legislature at Madison. Only opposition came from two Chamber of Commerce speakers. The bill is modeled after the New York state law.

ALLEN WARDWELL, president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and twice head of Red Cross Relief Missions to Russia, was taken to Knickerbocker Hospital after two radio patrolmen rescued him from the Hudson River off West 73 St. The police listed the case as "attempted suicide." They said Mr. Wardwell had been under treatment.

Urge FDR Seize Mines



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Declaring John L. Lewis' strike threat has "already created a national emergency," Michael Fitzpatrick, president, of the western Pennsylvania district of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, has called upon the government to seize the coal mines.

The statement voicing the sentiments of one of the Keystone state's largest CIO unions, came as other unions, scattered over a wide area, pressed the government for similar action.

The Lycoming County Council, (Williamsport, Pa.,) adopted a similar resolution directing a telegram to the President asking seizure "to assure coal production."

The large Plymouth local of the United Automobile Workers, Detroit, at a meeting of its newly elected officers and stewards, voted to ask the President to seize the mines now and to direct the attorney general to "activities of those in management or labor who are investigators of the many strikes that have occurred in this area."

Dubinsky Fears Democratic Procedure, Ames Declares

II

By ARNOLD AMES

At a recent meeting of Local 10, Manager Isidor Nagler threatened to use our entire union treasury to fight the court case against the Rank and File. (We now have over \$16,000,000 in our union treasury.) He also added that our court action is intended to embarrass and discredit the officials of the ILGWU and the union.

Both of these statements are of course exaggerations, designed to scare and mislead the members. For all David Dubinsky, ILG president, and Nagler need do to save our union treasury is to rectify the injustices perpetrated against me and my fellow unionists prior to and after the elections in Local 10.

As for Nagler's allegation that our court case is intended to discredit and embarrass the union and

the officials, it is indeed remarkable in view of the action on the part of these people. The Dubinsky-Jewish Daily Forward-New Leader clique has done more than all our enemies combined.

Let us therefore, examine the record both with regard to the events that led to our court action, and the policies of Dubinsky and his group inside and outside our union.

1. It was Dubinsky and Nagler who did the suspending and deprived our membership of democratic expression and free union elections.

2. We did not go to court until we had exhausted every avenue of appeal inside the ILGWU and only after a proposal that our cases be reviewed by an impartial committee was turned down. Needless to mention, all our proposals for honest conduct of the elections and em-

playing the Honest Ballot Association were flatly rejected.

3. Following the farcical elections, Brothers Dubinsky and Nagler began to wield the axe in earnest, suspending me for five years and six others to two to three years (an unprecedented penalty for the alleged offense of "publishing derogatory pamphlets and leaflets during the election campaign"). The manner in which the "trials" were conducted was not only embarrassing but disgraceful. Nagler who officially brought the charges against us, was the district attorney, judge and jury all rolled into one. The defendants were not permitted to use their own stenographer, nor were they allowed union attorneys which is provided for by our constitution. The officials directly involved in the case and who by all rules and regulations should have disqualified themselves as a trial board, were the very ones to pass judgment on the case.

4. The bankrupt political record of Dubinsky, Nagler, Luigi Antonini and their group of so-called Social Democrats in the union is by now well known to the progressive labor movement and the public in general. But since the suspensions are based mainly on our political differences and since they state that our court action is intended to embarrass the officials and the union, let us check their political record and see who is discrediting whom.

5. They oppose to this day labor unity in the country and support John L. Lewis' re-entry into the AFL, regardless of the fact that Lewis is sabotaging the war effort through strikes and indulges in anti-Semitic diatribes in his *Miners Journal*.

6. They, together with the reactionary top officialdom of the AFL, such as Matthew Woll and William L. Hutcheson, were the spearheads in the fight against international labor unity, singling out the Soviet trade unions as not sufficiently "bona fide" and free, to be eligible to sit at one table with these great "democrats."

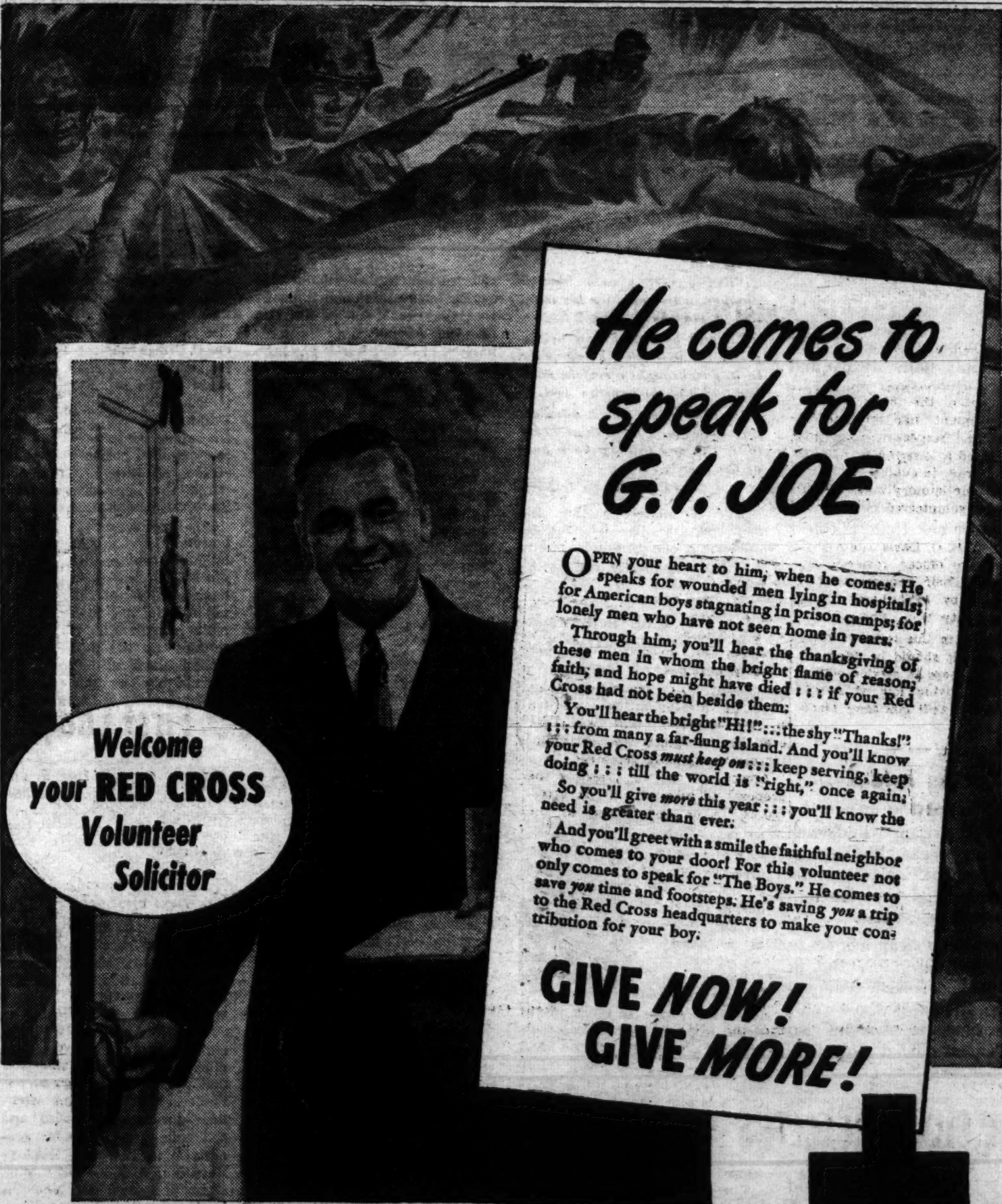
7. On the Jewish scene they have similarly distinguished themselves by isolating our union when they spitefully decided to withdraw from the Jewish Conference, which unites all of organized Jewry in America.

8. With regard to Italian-American labor and their policy toward the new coalition government of Italy, the pattern is the same. They stubbornly insist on disunity here and fight against the democratic coalition in Italy as characterized by the unsuccessful attempt of Antonini on his recent trip to Italy to disrupt the unity of labor and the coalition there.

9. When American Labor Party voters got sick and tired of the dictatorial rule of Dubinsky and Rose, and defeated them at the polls, instead of taking the verdict of the electorate, they split away and formed a new organization.

10. Finally, while they formally supported President Roosevelt in the elections, in reality they disapprove and fight against his policies, particularly his foreign policy.

Our record, on the other hand, shows that we have consistently advocated unity in our union, Allied labor unity, support of President Roosevelt's progressive foreign and domestic policies, unity among the Jewish people, the Italian people, etc. No doubt the members know this, and will be the final judges (if permitted) as to who is embarrassing and discrediting our union and our officials. To leave no doubt in anyone's mind where we stand, we are ready now at this eleventh hour, to withdraw our court action on condition that Brothers Dubinsky and Nagler either reinstate all suspended and fined members to their full union rights and privileges, or else agree to an impartial labor or public committee to review and decide on all these cases. We are ready to accept the verdict of an impartial committee.



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Side by Side at the Front

IT IS a thrilling story which is told in a front line dispatch to the Army newspaper, Stars and Stripes. Negro and white infantrymen are for the first time fighting side by side in mixed companies on the Western Front.

For millions of Americans this is front page news, an overdue but exceedingly welcome first step toward breaking down the whole shameful Jimcrow system in the Army.

Lieut. Gen. John C. H. Lee appealed to Negro service and supply troops to volunteer for combat duty. And what happened? The quota set by the Army was quickly filled. Hundreds of volunteers were rejected. Out of 186 Negroes in one engineer unit, 171 volunteered. Four first sergeants in another unit accepted reduction in rank to private in order to get a chance to fight.

Here is the answer to those agents of disruption in the ranks of the Negro people like A. Philip Randolph who said recently that there is not one Negro soldier who does not hate the Army, nor a Negro anywhere who believes this war will bring an extension of freedom and democracy.

More important, here is the answer to those enemies of the Negro people who have argued that Negro soldiers are cowardly and do not want to fight, who have tried to magnify morale problems created by the Army's Jimcrow policy into a general indictment of Negro troops.

Negro soldiers will fight when they are given a chance. They will show plenty of morale and intestinal fortitude when they are not humiliated and relegated to labor battalions. Now the Army has the facts that prove it.

The Army has begun to break down its ancient tradition of segregated units under the impact of the necessity of war. More front line troops are needed—and they are at hand among Negro supply units, ready and willing to fight. So at last they are given their chance.

The Army has acted in the spirit of President Roosevelt's anti-discrimination policy exemplified by his staunch support of FEPC. But it has only just begun.

The John Rankins and Theodore Bilbos in Congress will make anguished protest. Democratic Americans will congratulate the Army. They will also ask that this first step be followed up.

Why a quota restricting the number of Negroes permitted to fight? Why not extend this "experiment" on the Western Front throughout the Army? And how about re-examining the insubordination charges against Negro soldiers who are essentially victims of a morale-destroying set-up? There is no place for Jimcrow and segregation in the Army or anywhere else in American life.

Wily Mr. Vandenberg

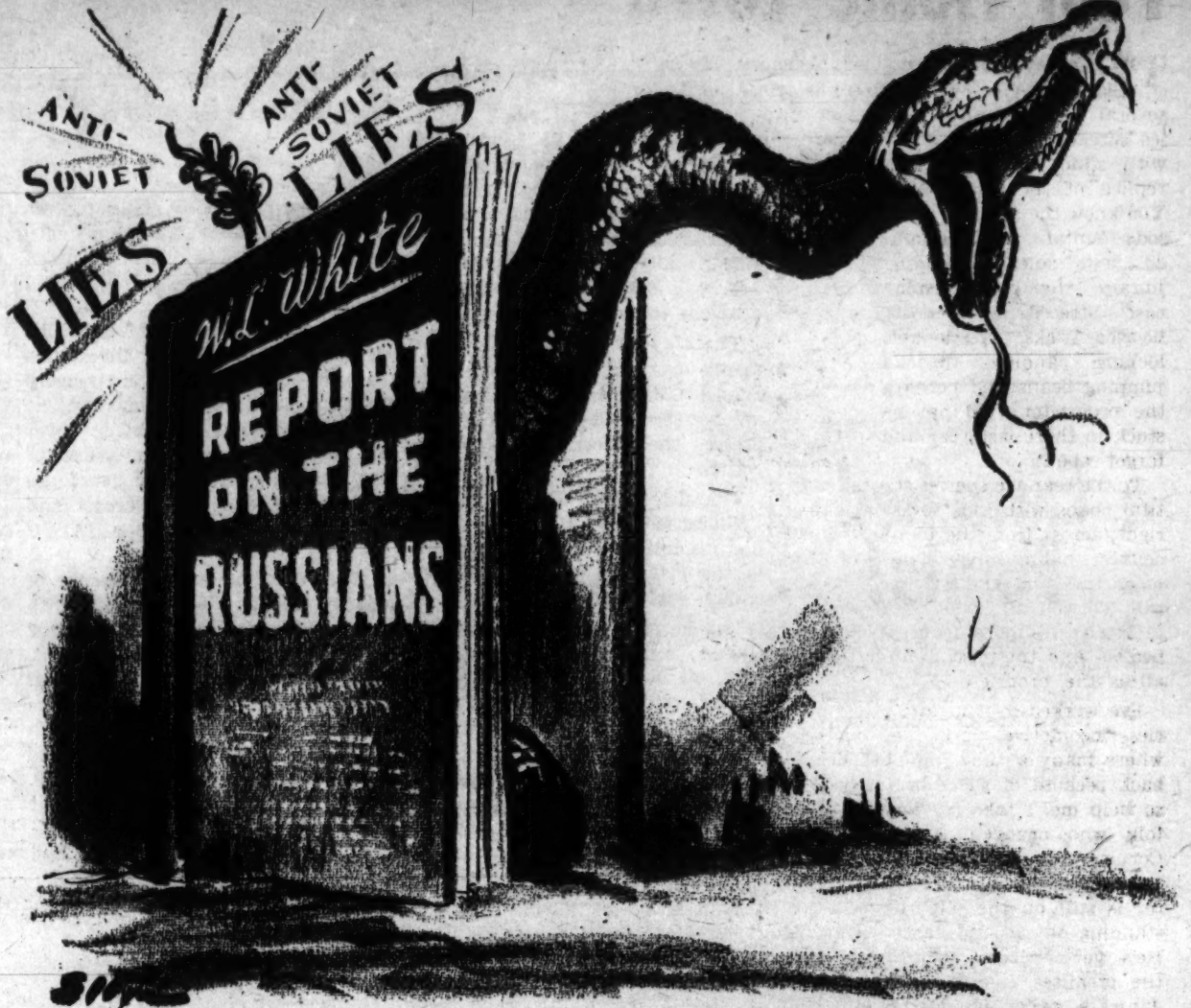
SEN. ARTHUR VANDENBERG is not the man to let grass grow under his feet, and Americans will do well to watch him carefully in the coming weeks. We have in mind his latest and apparently-innocent action of submitting amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks plan for consideration of the seven-man American delegation.

On the face of it, the Michigan Republican has every right to make proposals to his fellow delegates. But in the back of his head something else is involved. Vandenberg knows quite well that the delegation as a whole won't represent his own views at San Francisco. And he also knows that he will not be able, as an official American representative, to speak for his own proposals.

So he figures that when the other delegates reject his amendments, he will be free to get up in the Senate and conduct a battle on the results of the San Francisco meeting even though he attended it. More than that, Vandenberg aims to give hope to his reactionary brethren in other lands. He will suggest that perhaps by 1948 the Republicans may return to power, and then nullify the security league which will have been established despite Vandenberg's efforts. What other meaning is there to Mr. Vandenberg's insistence that the world organization must review all wartime political decisions?

That's why there must be a great campaign of education and support for Dumbarton Oaks in these next months. This must be so powerful that the rest of the Senate will not dare to join Mr. Vandenberg's game. It must be so overwhelming that all our Allies will know Vandenberg's reservations can never become official American policy. That's what the American people voted for last November. They must show it again and again and again in the coming critical weeks.

A BOOK FOR BERCHTESGADEN



— To Tell the Truth —

Kickback

by Robert Minor

"But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

"2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

"3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie . . . and to keep back part of the price . . . ?"

— Acts, 5: 1, 2, 3.

Isn't it interesting that the most famous liar of Biblical times was one who told mostly the truth, and merely took a kickback?

AS PART of their preparation for the San Francisco conference many of the foremost newspaper publishers supporting the Yalta agreement seem to think it necessary to withhold a certain portion of truth, to preserve a little of the lying of the isolationist, hate-Russia school within the psychology of the country during the conference—if only as a "reserve" against the too-great moral strength of the Russians. Admit so much of the truth, seems to be the theory—in fact lay a great deal of the truth at the people's feet, but retain a certain amount of the lying of Goebbels and Hearst as a handy instrument with which to weaken the Russians' prestige and to make it easier to put pressure upon them at any moment.

The New York Times says that Hitler "sought to play off the Western Powers against Russia by proclaiming a crusade against bolshevism"—and this is a very important fact, which the Times would have stated truly if it had used the present tense instead of the past tense of the verb seek.

But then the Times continues—"and to play off Russia against the Western Powers by proclaiming a crusade against 'plutocratic capitalism,' coupled with offers to divide with Russia the spoil of his wars."

The Times is aware that the only meaning such words can convey is, first, that Soviet Russia

believed that Nazism was directed against capitalism; and it knows that that would be an illiterate lie. And, secondly, that its words imply that Soviet Russia has been motivated in foreign policy by a wish to share with Hitler the spoils of his wars.

We credit the Times with intelligence enough to see that this also is false, cheap, shoddy and laden with deadly propaganda. And yet, as though to make sure that this false impression will be conveyed, the Times adds that Hitler "made a pact with Russia just before he plunged Europe into war. . . ."

By this sort of thing the Times is weakening, not Russia, but the United States.

It is strengthening, not the United States, but the adventurer gangs that seek (yes, not "sought," but seek, in the present tense) "to play off the Western Powers against Russia by proclaiming a crusade against bolshevism." The present-day form of the "crusade against bolshevism" by such political groups as the London Polish adventurers is exactly the pretense that Russia is guilty of the crimes that the Times pretends also to think the Russians committed. The Times strengthens those gangs whose sole profession has been for a whole generation to sell their respective countries as fulminating caps for setting off political and military explosions against Russia.

Persons connected with such gangsters will be hanging around the lobbies in San Francisco. The one commodity they have to offer now is the present form of "crusade against bolshevism"—the lie that they are "victims" of "bolshevism" which "made a pact with" Hitler "just before he plunged Europe into war."

THE essence of the fraud lies in the fact that neither Russia, nor the United States (as long as

we remain sane), could possibly grant to these adventurers what they demand—even if everyone else at San Francisco agreed to do so. To permit the Polish professional anti-Russians to set up again in the two Russian Soviet regions of White Russia and West Ukraine their old bucket-shop for the sale of conspiracies and "crusades against bolshevism" to successors of Hitler & Co. would wreck the hope of the United States for preservation of peace.

But the chief asset of the London Poles, and the American isolationists bent on using them, is precisely in that the buckets they hang in front of their shop are not salable, but that what they really have to sell is the dynamite to blow up the alliance of the United States with Russia. They sell nothing but their capacity to make agreement impossible by promoting demands that cannot be granted. If their demands were such as could be granted, they would have to drop them for some others that could not be granted.


To toss off the remark that Hitler "made a pact with Russia just before he plunged Europe into war"—as the Times does—can have no other purpose than to make use of the current lie that the non-aggression treaty made by Russia with Germany in August, 1939, was a result of acquiescence of Russia in the Hitler's precipitation of the war. To revive this lie is to compel the reaffirmation of the truth: that Soviet Russia made a non-aggression pact with Germany only after and as a result of the fact that both Great Britain and France, plus Poland, under their governments of that time, deliberately placed every possible obstacle in the way to prevent Russia's making the great military offensive against Germany across Polish, Lithuanian and Romanian territory which she proposed to make in 1938 for Czechoslovakia.

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Worth Repeating

POSTWAR COOPERATION between the capitalist and socialist sectors of the world is emphasized as a necessity by a current editorial of the Dallas Morning News, Texas conservative paper, which says in part: The Russian factor in postwar trade will be distinctly on the plus side of postwar progress. Russia is asking a six-billion-dollar credit of the United States. It will undoubtedly be granted, a fact that has little significance because we have granted credits in all forms to all sizes of countries during the last three decades. But there is little doubt that Russia will repay the loan, which is tremendously significant.

Your Home Town

THE Corner Store in my neighborhood on Skillman Ave., out in Queens is typical of several thousand such knick-nack dispensaries spread all over the city. I dare say it is, with minor architectural variations, an exact replica of the Corner Store on your street. You know the setup. A small soda fountain, a well thumb-


ed, jelly smeared lending library, the glass display case littered with dusty licorice sticks, questionable looking candies. Mexican jumping beans and perhaps the proprietor's old hat he stuck in there last year and forgot about.

To the rear are shelves stacked high in beautiful chaos with kids toys and games. To the right, across from the fountain, is the tobacco counter, hiding under a mess of lurid-covered magazines and endless digest booklets which will tell you all about a) Psychology b) Sex c) Health d) more about psychology, sex and health. And the most unforgettable feature of all is the proprietor.

I've worked in shipyards, steel mills, foundries, locomotive works and an oil refinery, where many a time I might have broken my back because of sheer brutal hard work; but so help me, I take my hat off to these little folk who drudge their lives away at the Corner Store. They are on the job at day-break. Drop back in late at night, the proprietor is still on the job. He's flat-footed from standing day in and day out, year after year. He's got varicose veins from criss-crossing the premises a million times . . . candy for Janie, a paper for Mr. Klutz, back to the

by John Meldon

fountain for a nickel coke: here, there, back and forth in endless, monotonous routine.

At my neighborhood Corner Store both the proprietor and his wife spend their every waking hour in its dingy confines. And I know, from a positive source, that their income isn't the equivalent of what a high skilled worker earns.

IN THE good old BCS days (Before Cigarette Shortage) I liked to drop in at least once an evening and enjoy the casual friendliness of the place. It was sort of soothing.

Mrs. G., the wife of the proprietor, is a gentle old soul and she always knew whose kid had the measles, whose GI boy friend was home on leave, and the eternal multifold ills of the local hypochondriacs. She was everyone's friend, and the whole neighborhood liked her.

But now, alas, everything's changed. A transformation of minor volcanic nature has taken place. Where there was neighborliness there's now glares and suspicion. Mrs. G. smiles no longer. She's tight-lipped and definitely harrassed. The cigarette shortage is behind it all. The old days are gone.

The other night I found myself out of cigarettes (surprise!) and wandered down to the Corner Store, figuring I'd get Mrs. G. off to one side and perhaps she'd slip me a pack. Just for old times sake, etc. When I walked in, the strangest sight greeted me. At first I couldn't figure it out. There were five people in the store, spread around in self-picked strategic spots. The place was as quiet as inside Grant's Tomb. One neighborhood char-

Corner Store Tragedy

acter, a middle aged gal who never in her life read anything more culturally elevating than Macfadden's Physical Culture magazine, was seated at the fountain reading the New Republic. I noticed her expression; it was simply pop-eyed puzzlement. Another character was manfully trying to down a malted milk he seemed to dislike, or have no room for. A third was studiously leafing through a phone book, glancing surreptitiously now and then at the others. The fourth, a highbrow intellectual friend of mine, was fiddling with a kid's puzzle game and in a silent rage because the contraption stumped him.

A WOMAN was seated in the stuffy phone booth, glaring out at all of us. She wasn't making a call. She was waiting. Like everybody else.

It dawned on me that everybody in the Corner Store was hoping to get Mrs. G. alone . . . for a pack of cigarettes. Meanwhile, poor Mrs. G. leaned on the tobacco counter, nervously drumming her fingers and inwardly suffering. I decided to sit down and wait it out with the rest. There was contagion in the air. No one spoke. We all began to hate each other. Finally Mrs. G. could stand it no longer. The poor old woman sighed loudly and held her hands out in supplication:

"Believe me," she said to no one in particular, "cigarettes I don't have! Troubles I have. You want me to give you my troubles? If I got cigarettes I give them away free, believe me. But cigarettes I haven't got. I want you all to go now because I gotta close."

Yes, indeed. The things we civilians have to go through in this war. . . .

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

N. Thomas Denounced
By Former Friend

Lancaster, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The readers of The Worker may be interested in learning that Norman Thomas the third-class-left-out former Socialist leader spoke at Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., several weeks ago.

Lancaster has a population of over 70,000 and is an industrial center.

The Thomas meeting was announced in advance in Lancaster's three newspapers — Intelligencer Journal, the Lancaster New Era and the Sunday News. In spite of the favorable publicity of Norman Thomas, only an approximate 200 persons attended.

During the luncheon discussion period, a striking incident happened. A horticulturist, formerly a scholar at F & M College—once an ardent friend of Thomas—aroused Thomas' unpatriotic political tranquility by denouncing him for what he is—an "isolationist." This former student, a possessor of the Bachelor of Arts Degree, exposed Thomas as one of several defeatists who were "repudiated" by sincere and conscientious patriots.

CARL D. RIEDEL

Freedom House
Maligns Willkie

Great Neck, L. I.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Reading that Freedom House has declined the CPA's gift to the Willkie Memorial Building Fund one wonders, "how free is Freedom House?" The suspicion arises that it is "cashing in" on Willkie's reputation, using his name to enhance its own prestige. It can allay that suspicion if it will by humbly following Willkie's precepts and example.

L. A. ELDRIDGE, JR.

She Voted for
'No Strike' Pledge

New Bedford, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Press dispatches from here have stated that the vote in New Bedford Joint Board of the Textile Workers Union, CIO, was unanimous for a strike vote. This was not the case, as the New Bedford Standard-Times of March 13 had to report. Mrs. Maude D'Haze, Secretary Treasurer of Iramutta Local 593 and a member of the Joint Board, made public the fact that she had voted against rescinding the no-strike pledge at the meeting of the Board on the preceding Sunday. The vote therefore was not unanimous.

There were several others, in addition, who did not vote one way or the other. The Textile Workers do not wish to smash the no-strike pledge and these straws in the wind give an indication of that.

J. C. F.

Praise for
other Bloor

Napoleon, Ohio.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is good to see that Mother Bloor is so active in her work for the CPA and the nation. As one who has watched her for many years, I am pleased to note that she is still travelling, still speaking and spreading the word about victory and peace.

WAYNE D. MEISER

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Views On Labor News

EARL BROWDER, it will be recalled, called a spade a spade on a previous occasion when John L. Lewis was developing a strike insurrection. That was in 1943 when disrupters and appeasers of every shade and stripe struck out like a symphony with a "peace" offensive and a thousand ways to avoid a second front.

Browder, in characteristic blunt and sharp manner, in a St. Louis speech, called the Lewis move what it was—a conspiracy to stop the second front. And he was equally blunt in naming the people who were helping Lewis in this conspiracy. Walter Reuther, vice-president of the United Automobile Workers, who was already then maneuvering to scuttle the no-strike pledge, was given a prominent role.

David Dubinsky, who played a particularly loud brass instrument in that symphony, was blaring away for the two Polish quislings, Alter and Ehrlich, who met their just fate. Samuel Wolchok and Emil Rieve were alternating between the Alter and Ehrlich refrain and the Lewis "down with stabilization" song. In fact, it was early in that year that Dubinsky broke the ice for Lewis by pulling out 30,000 New York garment workers on strike.

Today, as the final blow is about to come

by George Morris

down on Hitler, the symphony struck out again. And again Browder brands the move for what it is—an effort to scuttle Crimea. He did it in his recent report to the national committee of the Communist Political Association the text of which is now out in the pamphlet "America's Decisive Battle." (Century Publishers, five cents).

With the same bluntness, he notes that the same musicians are producing the same tunes. The 1943 warning can perhaps be better appreciated today by many than at the time it was given. We need only ask ourselves how things would have turned out had the second front been postponed; had Dewey been elected and had sharp difference developed between the Allies instead of the Moscow-Teheran-Crimea unity.

BBROWDER'S warning then had a tremendous effect. It centered the spotlight upon the proper people and helped greatly to advance both AFL and CIO general unity against abandonment of the no-strike pledge. Lewis had only the open endorsement of Dubinsky. Browder, it will be further recalled, then stressed the constructive paths under which wage difficulties could be relieved and the cost of living held down.

Gains have been registered to the extent that the path of Browder pointed to was

Browder Again Calls the Roll of Voices of Defeat

followed. Unions that stressed wage incentive forms have less wage difficulty today.

Taking stock of what has happened since then, Browder points out that the Lewis leadership didn't pay—politically or financially. He again stresses the constructive policy of closely working with the President along the entire front of domestic and foreign policy.

BBROWDER speaks the sentiments of the vast majority of the organized workers. The CIO's executive committee, rejected almost unanimously the maneuvers of the Social Democrats Rieve and Reuther. The UAW's referendum on the no-strike pledge confirmed the same thing. Even William Green spoke out against the Hollywood film strike.

Browder, of course, isn't telling them what to do. But the fact that there is a voice in America that cuts through like an acetylen torch and names names and calls a spade a spade is extremely helpful to those in labor ranks who are responsible and try to lead a constructive course.

Traditions hang heavy upon our labor movement. The ancient aversion to politics or digging into fundamentals, often expresses itself in a reluctance to call a "union brother" by his right name. Browder does it, and his report ought to become the property of every unionist. It is fine ammunition against all the participants in that symphony of defeat.

Science Notebook

WOVEN into the story of a recent exciting war movie Wing and a Prayer, was an interesting sequence showing the development of a "soilless garden." The farm boy pilot insisted on fresh vegetables in his diet, and asked a seaman to procure from the stockroom some of the following items: excelsior, large basins and a whole series of chemicals. Under the flyer's instructions the seaman soon had a first class vegetable garden growing aboard the aircraft carrier.

The movie portrayed the great possibilities of the science of hydroponics, the method of growing farm products without soil. When such a development was announced in 1937, it was immediately hailed as the science which would eliminate wars, by showing that land was unnecessary for the production of food. The "prophets" predicted that every home was going to become a potential farm, and the countryside was to be a thing of the past.

But W. F. Gericke, professor at Berkeley, California, and discoverer of the science, never advanced such fantastic claims. He said simply that he was developing a new frontier for grocery food and pointed out that only



by Peter Stone

certain crops could be grown economically without soil.

THERE is quite a difference in the structure of the vegetables grown by hydroponics and those grown on the farm. Water causes the architecture of the roots of the plants to become different from those growing in the soil. This is because roots cannot anchor in water as they do in soil, and they change in accordance with the fundamental biologic law—that an organ will atrophy or change in function and form in an environment in which it does not function completely.

Dr. Gericke and his colleague grew their vegetables in large boxes about 11 feet high. These were filled with water in which mineral salts were dissolved in the right concentration to feed green plants. Over the tops of the boxes was stretched wire netting, on which, supported in sawdust or excelsior, or other suitable material, grew the tomatoes, peas, beans, carrots and other vegetables. These plants drew their water and minor nutrients out of the tanks in which their roots dangled.

GERICKE'S work provided a real boon for the United States Army Air Force personnel living on barren atolls, the islands of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and the

Vegetables Without Soil

isolated tropical outposts. The Japanese captured a pioneer hydroponic installation of the Air Quartermaster when they took Wake Island.

Since Air Force pilots and crews need fresh vegetables rich in vitamins and minerals to keep them in top fighting form, the Quartermaster planned similar gardens for the Ascension Islands in the Atlantic; Canton Island in the central Pacific; Espiritu Island in the south Pacific; Port Moresby, New Guinea, and Karachi, India. In such war theaters all of the soilless gardens are cultivated by soldiers in their free hours as a voluntary job.

The method is far beyond the experimental stage, and fresh vegetables from hydroponic gardens are being supplied to GIs all over the world. The half-starved people of Greece will probably be fed by such a system, according to Major E. W. Elliot, Chief of Supply Planning Division of the Air Quartermaster.

The head of a hospital in the Philippines has asked the War Department to build a soilless garden to supply raw vegetables for the food of convalescent soldiers. Raw vegetables must be grown by soilless methods in these areas to prevent diseases in the soil from being transmitted to other persons.

Major Elliot predicts an important new peacetime industry—"which will grow hydroponic vegetables out of season in Florida, Texas and Cuba."

Lincoln Vets' Chief Hits Rumored Franco Deal

Let 'er Roll

What with the Lewis-Reuther-Dubinsky conspiracy to pull the labor movement out of full participation in the war effort, Michigan and the coal mining regions have lately been in the news a great deal. There has been much confusion spread on the Reuther-Wolchok-Rieve attempt to scuttle the no-strike pledge and on the Lewis threat of a mine strike. It is necessary to clarify the situation with a first hand investigation.



The Daily Worker and The Worker have assigned two veteran journalists to make the survey. Louis Budenz, managing editor, has gone to Michigan, and Harry Raymond is on his way to Pennsylvania. Their first reports will appear in The Worker on March 25. We expect that the districts will arrange for special orders. The reports will continue in the Daily Worker and The Worker thereafter.

For the third successive week, the 5x5 Club report shows an increase in membership and papers handled. It is now fair to assume that the turn has been made. The problem now is one of tempo if we are to achieve our goal of 2,000 members by May 1. In view of the strike conspiracy mentioned above, the urgency of getting The Worker out into the hands of the people is greater than ever. And the 5x5 plan impresses itself more and more as an excellent instrument for the purpose.

At this time Illinois is doing the outstanding job, although New Jersey is still in first place in the 5x5 Club standing. Illinois has been setting a new high for itself almost every week both in the number of members and papers used. The consistency with which it has been getting members and renewals of membership indicates that the job is being taken seriously.

Upstate, N. Y., Michigan, Connecticut and Colorado were the only organizations that sustained losses for the week and marred what would have otherwise been an excellent record.

Strange, isn't it? When the Chicago Tribune, notorious for its defeatism and isolationism, tries to interfere with American army efficiency by demanding that Communists who have commissions on the basis of merit be removed, all the newspapers thought it front page news. But when several hundred prominent and patriotic Americans commended the Army for standing by its guns in its determination to run the army in the best interests of our nation and in its refusal to appease the appeaser Chicago Tribune, not a newspaper thought it even important enough to mention. Only the Daily Worker gave it the space and prominence it deserved, while The Worker of March 18 ran the statement and list of signers in full.

It is by incidents like this that you can judge the consistency and non-partisanship with which a newspaper supports the war effort of our nation.

Seamen's Papers

Up to last June 30, the Coast Guard had issued 45,000 officers' licenses and more than 300,000 merchant seamen's documents to members of the Merchant Marine.

David McKelvey White, secretary of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, yesterday expressed alarm at recent rumors of closer U.S. economic collaboration with Franco Spain.

Brazil Press Foils Censor

Brazil's newspapers last month overcame stringent press censorship and plunged into a campaign against President Getulio Vargas' corporative regime by means of a journalistic coup d'etat.

First blow was struck by Correio de Manha, which published a five-column attack on the Vargas dictatorship by Jose Americo de Almeida, Presidential candidate in the 1937 elections, which Vargas suppressed with his coup d'etat.

Vargas' press chief tried to close down Correio de Manha and warned all other papers to lay off attacks on the regime.

Result: the other papers threatened to cease publication if Correio de Manha was suppressed. Censorship officials, especially in view of the Mexico conference's affirmation of press freedom, didn't dare to carry through their threat.

And now 12 of Rio de Janeiro's 17 newspapers are campaigning actively for the Presidential candidacy of Gen. Eduard Gomes against Vargas' candidate, Gen. Eurico Gaspar Dutra. The campaign has spread to all parts of the country.

On Rail Pension Board

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—Julius G. Luhrs, executive secretary of the Railroad Labor Executives Association, was nominated today by President Roosevelt to membership on the Railroad Retirement Board. He will succeed Lee M. Eddy, whose term has expired.

Charge of Tie With Cuban Plot Absurd, Says Batista

Ex-President Gen. Fulgencio Batista of Cuba says it's "absurd" to think him connected with the recently-suppressed plot to overthrow the President Grau San Martin government and assassinate Grau himself.

Batista was succeeded by Grau six months ago, after an election widely recognized as the most democratically conducted in Cuban history.

"It is absurd to think me connected with such movements after handing over the government to those whom the Cuban people elected," Batista told the press in San Francisco, where he is now visiting after a tour of South American countries.

Batista expressed disgust that some of his former friends and associates were implicated in the plot, and urged that order be re-established, individual rights re-

"No temporary economic advantage can offset the harm of collaboration with the fascist enemy," White told the Daily Worker. "Such acts bolster Franco's prestige, smooth the way for the Falange's subversive, anti-U. S. pro-Axis activities in Latin America, and surely discourage waverers inside Spain who may hesitate to join the liberation activities of the Supreme Junta of National Union because of apparent Allied regard for Franco."

In recent weeks the following moves have been reported: 1. American and British Economic Warfare Boards are negotiating for the use of the Spanish merchant fleet, although fleets of several smaller Allies are tied up. The Swedish merchant fleet, it will be recalled, was brought into the Allied pool this weekend.

2. The Economic Warfare Boards are likewise negotiating for the manufacture by Spanish textile mills of goods for UNRRA from American wool and cotton, although textile mills in France's Rhone Valley, for example, still stand idle.

3. A new U. S.-Spanish agreement provides for development of an airfield near Madrid to handle American airborne supplies.

4. Another agreement, expected to be announced shortly, plans establishment of stockpiles in northern Spain from which UNRRA and other United Nations organizations can draw supplies for liberated nations and occupation armies.

Meanwhile the report by CBS correspondent Edward R. Murrow that American planes have sunk at least six Spanish ships trying to get supplies to German forces holding out on the French Atlantic coast has not been denied.

spected, crimes uncovered and the people of Cuba secure peace and progress.

President Grau, with the support of Cuba's labor and progressive movement, has undertaken to purge the army of reactionary career officers retained in office because of personal ties from the 1933 days, before Batista joined with Cuba's progressive, anti-fascist forces.

Pro-fascists have sought to pin these officers' misdeeds on Batista himself and on those who backed Batista in the last election, including the Popular Democrats.

This disruptive campaign runs counter to the entire trend in Cuban politics of cooperation between Grau and Batista supporters on the many measures of common agreement.

Fascist-Led Argentina May Get Bid to 'Frisco

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

Fascist Argentina may still be invited to attend the San Francisco security parley next month, it became clear yesterday, as the foreign minister of Uruguay, Dr. Jacobo Varela, explained that the Inter-

American conference in Mexico City decided not to consider Argentina's fascist character in judging her return to hemisphere solidarity.

Varela was questioned by the N. Y. Herald Tribune in Montevideo last Friday, as the Uruguayan minister returned home. The latter explained that Argentina needs only to declare war on Germany and Japan, and sign the Act of Chapultepec. According to Varela's interpretation, the Mexico City conference intended to ignore whether Argentina remains fascist in her internal affairs.

Varela's explanation was forwarded to the Argentine government in the middle of last week, and the Farrell-Peron dictatorship was reported considering it.

This revelation confirms the fears expressed in Mexico City by Lombardo Toledano, head of the Confederation of Latin American Workers. According to Allied Labor News, Lombardo expressed amazement that any American republics should "expressly agree that a fascist government can form part of the Inter-American community."

"He urged labor in Latin America and in the United States to be on guard lest the Farrell-Peron clique in Buenos Aires make a token ration of support for the Chapultepec Act and declare war on the Axis in return for the assurance of a seat in San Francisco."

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Good Work by Italy Partisans

From Feb. 1 to March 15 Italian partisans in NORTH ITALY destroyed 109 German airplanes, two ships, three trains loaded with war material and nine truck columns, the Ministry for Occupied Italy disclosed. One loaded truck was captured in the center of Milan itself. In the German-occupied town of Micivina, north Italy, 7,000 Italian workers went on strike for three days. . . . ITALIAN COMMUNISTS intend to hold the Bonomi Government to its pledge to purge fascists from all positions of power. "Either the government fights vigorously against fascism or it will not be able to count on us any more," L'Unita, Communist daily, wrote March 15.

The French Consultative Assembly asked speedy measures to restore to JEWISH owners property they lost through German or Vichy racial laws. . . . FRENCH COMMUNISTS took issue with Vincent Auriol, Socialist president of the Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee, when he requested that the Assembly refrain from debating in-

ternational issues when the Foreign Office budget is submitted. . . . The Assembly, 61-45, overruled a Communist demand that Nicod, a renegade from the Communist Party be refused a seat in the Assembly as representative of the right-wing Republican Federation. . . . Dr. Eelco N. von Kleffens, NETHERLANDS Foreign Minister, arrived in Paris to sign a French-Dutch economic accord.

LA VOZ, Mexico's Communist newspaper, celebrated its 21st anniversary at a banquet addressed by Vicente Lombardo Toledano, head of the Latin American Confederation of Labor, and by speakers sent officially by President Manuel Avila Camacho, Secretary of Interior Casas Aleman, the War Department and PRM, Mexican governmental party. Miners, teachers and as CTM, the trade union confederation, were represented. A colonel, in behalf of the Army, presented a flag to the paper in recognition of its patriotic services.

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Robert Minor

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and in August 1939 for Poland
and which she is making now.

THE only people deceived by
misrepresenting these historic
facts are the people of the United
States. The country weakened in

the conference is the United
States. The effect of the deceit is
to demoralize the people's sup-
port of the American govern-
ment's cooperation with Russia
and to hand them over to the
isolationists.

Let me quote Hearst's profes-
sional advocate of Hitler's cause,
von Wiegand, who is now in Ma-
drid helping Hitler's last-ditch ef-

fort to blow up America's alliance
with Russia. Von Wiegand wires
Hearst:

"Who will stop Soviet Russia?"
a famous Spanish general in Ma-
drid asked me as we discussed the
situation in Europe and Asia. He
added:

"England cannot, France will
not, even if it could, which it
cannot."

"And America will not, and has
no desire to do so," I replied.

"Then Western democracy in
Europe and what it stands for are
lost. So what are you fighting
for?" queried the general.

The Times, trying to support
the Yalta agreement, and yet
afraid that the truth will give too
great a prestige to Russia, whose

prestige with the American people
is absolutely essential to the
agreement—is working a kickback
on the truth. The result is to
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Giants Shape Up as Top Team in the City

This is a difficult thing to say, but a fact is a fact and the Giants have one of the better teams in the major leagues and certainly the best team in New York City. Mel Ott is lucky, of course, for the draft hasn't hit his teams as hard as most of the others. But it's not only luck. The Giant setup is much more conducive to good ball playing than the Dodger menage, for instance.

Glancing at the Giant roster you come to realize that the club, as it stands, is quite capable of taking the National League flag off— and a big IF it is—the Cardinals lose a few more of their stars. Ottie has a good and potentially potent outfield. He'll be in right again and behind him he'll have Joe Medwick who hit .337 last season; Johnny Rucker, a classy defensive man and a so-so hitter; the irresponsible Danny Gardella who may yet develop into the league's successor to Babe Herman; and a few other potentially robust clouters in Charlie Mead, Bruce Slean and Leon Treadway.

He's got little pitching but what there is of it is good. We mean Bill Voiselle and Ace Aadms. Voiselle is a workhorse who won 21 games last year and Adams is another workhorse who is in and out of the bullpen as often as Berlin is being bombed these days. Not much behind these two unless you want to include sick Harry Feldman and raft of guys named Joe.

The people who run things at St. John's pulled a clever little stunt by re-signing Joe Lapchick as coach of the basketball team for another five years. The signing came on the eve of the Indians' quarter-final game with Muhlenberg in the Invitation Tourney and that will no doubt inspire the kids to "win this one for the coach." Pollyanna as it sounds, Lapchick does have such an influence with his players because he treats them as equals and lives the game with them. In this respect (among others) he has it over the other coaches in town.

And he'll be turning out top notch teams for many years to come.

The Rangers won their last game of the season at the Garden Sunday, beating Toronto 6-5 on Grant Warwick's second goal. But despite this they finished in the cellar for the third straight years. However, the season was an immense success financially and that proves that fans want to see sports—even if it is of lower caliber.

-By OSCAR FRALEY

Up from the good neighbor land comes the word tonight that the Mexicans are getting sick and tired of the monopoly which the United States holds on the baseball "world series."

As you would suppose, the president of the Mexican National Baseball League is the chief ball carrier for baseball in his country. And the gent, Jorge Pasquel, quotes the late Wendell Willkie to the effect that there is only one world and Mexico, therefore, must be considered by organized baseball as an integral part of that world when the "world championship" is at stake.

"Our baseball now is just as good as that being played in the United States," he added.

The real point of dissension, as

"Mexican baseball is based greatly on Cuban players," Pasquel admitted. "Not only that, but we pay better salaries than the American major leagues and also sign our players for three years, instead of just one season as they do in the United States. We give them better salaries and have no racial discrimination," he explained.

TEHERAN, March 19 (UP).—Pvt. Joe Marino, a 38-year-old heavyweight from Rose Bank, N. Y., featured the final round of the 1945 Inter-Allied boxing tournament which was concluded today at Khorramshah, Persian Gulf, with Americans winning seven of the eight championships.

Eaton gymnasium was jammed with 6,000 servicemen for four consecutive nights for the tourney.

Joe Lapchick's Indians will be aiming to set a Tourney record that will take a lot of shooting at in coming years. They have won two tournays already, in succession, the only team to do that. LIU Blackbirds won two—in 1939 and 1941—but were defeated by West Virginia in the first round of the 1942 setup when they tried for their third.

The Indians are also the only team to win the Most Valuable Player award more than once—and they've done it no less than three times; in 1939 when Bill Lloyd was named, in 1943 when big Larry Boykoff took the bunting and last year when driving Bill Kotsosors walked off with the crown.

Rhode Island's surprising victory over Tennessee Saturday revealed that coach Frank Keaney has finally decided to use some defensive strategem. Thus, for the very first time, the Rhodies carried on an all-over-the-court defense. The Vols never expected it and, not being much of an offensive team to start, just could not get going. . . .

This is pretty much of a one-man team, however, for Ernie Calverley not only scores the points, directs the play and sparks the club—he also does most of the feeding to Dick Hole. Stop Calverley and you stop Rhode Island.

Don Otten, who sank 27 points Saturday, was one tally away from the all-time Garden scoring record when his coach yanked him in the closing minutes of the Bowling Green-RPI game. Obviously he

11:00-WEAF-Road of Life
WOR-News; Talk; Music
WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
WABC-Anads-Sketch
WMCA-News; Music Box
WQXR-News; Alma Detlinger
11:15-WEAF-Rosemary Sketch
WOR-Star Parade
WABC-Second Husband
11:30-WEAF-Star Playhouse
WOR-Take It Easy Time
WJZ-News; Music
WABC-Bright Horizon
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-Concert Music
11:45-WEAF-David Harum
WOR-Tobe's Topics
WABC-Aunt Jenny's Stories

12:30-WEAF-Don Goddard, News
WOR-News; Music
WJZ-Glenn Miller, Mator
WABC-News; Kate Smith's Ch
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Luncheon Music
12:15-WEAF-Talk-Maggi McNeills
WABC-Big Sister
12:30-WEAF-Army Air Forces Band
WOR-News; The Answer-Ma
WJZ-News; Women's Exchange
WABC-Helen Trent
12:45-WABC-Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Jack Ruby's Album
WJZ-H. R. Baukhage
WABC-Life Can Be Beautiful
WJZ-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Holiday Symphon
1:15-WOR-Lopez Orchestra
WJZ-Organ Music
WABC-Ma Perkins-Sketch
1:30-WOR-Phil Brito, Songs
WJZ-Galen Drake
WABC-Bernardine Flynn
WMCA-News-Recorded Music
1:45-WEAF-Morgan Beatty, News
WOR-John J. Anthony Show
WABC-The Gelbergs

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—News; Talk—Jane Cowl
WABC—John B. Kennedy
WABC—Joyce Jordan, M. D.
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Concert Music

2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Two on a Clue

2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—News; Never Too Old
WJZ—Variety Musicale
WABC—Perry Mason
WQXR—Request Music

2:45-WEAF—Hymns; All Churches
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABC—Tena and Tim

3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WABC—Mary Marlin
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Request Music

3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WABC—The High Places

3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—Talk—John Gambling
WJZ—Appointment With Life
WABC—Off the Record
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—What's on Your Mind?

3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—Landt Trio, Songs

4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—News—Westbrook Van Voor
his
WABC—House Party
WMCA—News; Ray Smith, Songs
WOR—News; Synchronic Mainframe

4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas
WJZ—Variety Musicale

4:25-WEAF—News Reports

4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 19.—Buzas, appearing at shortstop in the absence of holdout Frankie Crosetti, injured his right thumb in batting practice today as the Yankees went through a spirited arrivals, putting 17 Braves, including

George Stirnweiss was expected in camp tomorrow to take the second base chores from Don Savage. Manager Joe McCarthy expressed satisfaction with the fine tossing of Al Gettel.

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., March 19 (UP).—Outfielders Louis Olmo and Frenchy Bordagaray arrived in the Brooklyn Dodgers' training camp today, leaving Dixie Walker and Augie Galan the only absentee gardeners.

The workout featured a long batting drill, after which manager Leo Durocher announced he would hold an intra-squad contest Wednesday.

GEORGETOWN, D. C., March 19 (UP).—The heavy hitting of outfielder Garden Gillenwater, purchased from the Brooklyn Dodgers, featured today's double practice session by the Boston Braves.

Gillenwater was one of five new

wasn't aware of the record or he would have let his player stay in there to take a crack at it. . . . However, Otten was dog-tired throughout the second half and if that's any indication, he'll not be too successful against St. John's tomorrow (if, of course, the Indians do get into the semi-finals). . . . NAT LOW.

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WEAF-660 Kc.
WOR-710 Kc.
WJZ-770 Kc.
WNYC-830 Kc.
WABC-880 Kc.
WINS-1000 Kc.

WEVD-1330 Kc.
WNEW-1180 Kc.
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WHN-1050 Kc.
WOV-1290 Kc.
WBNY-1480 Kc.
WQXR-1560 Kc.

WOR—Dr. Eddy's Food Forum
WJZ—Janet Planner, From Europe
WJZ—Festival Story
WMCA—News; Music
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
WABC—Danny O'Neill, Songs
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—It's Maritime
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Waltz Music
5:15-WEAF—Folia Faces Life
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WQXR—Fun With Music
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WOR—House of Memory
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WABC—Jerry Allen, Songs
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR—Bandstand Music
5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell
WOR—Adventure of Tom Mix
WJZ—Captain Midnight
WABC—Wilderness Road
WQXR—Man About Town

6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Sydney Morseley
WJZ—News; Klenars's News Come
WMCA—New York Talk: Music
WABC—Quincy Howe, News
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WEAF—New York City Symphony,
Leopold Stokowski, Conductor
WOR—Newsare!
WJZ—Little Blue Schoolhouse
WABC—Edwin C. Hill
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Concert
6:30-WOR—News—Fred Vandewater
WJZ—News; Whose War—Talk
WABC—Sports—Ted Husing
WMCA—Richard Eaton—Talk
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Peggy Mann, Songs
WABC—The World Today—News
WMCA—Recorded Music
6:55-WABC—Joseph C. Harsch; News
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club, Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis Jr.
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—Lisa Sergio
7:15-WEAF—News—John W. Vandercook
WOR—The Strange Dr. Weir
WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing
WABC—Variety Musicale
WMCA—Five-Star Final
WQXR—Footlight Echoes
7:30-WEAF—One Man's Family—Play
WABC—Concert Orchestra
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Spotlight Music
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man
WMCA—Sid Gray, Songs

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arrivals, putting 17 Braves, including eight pitchers, in uniform. The others were pitchers Tom Early and Ben Cardoni, outfielder Stan Wepzel and infielder Tom Nelson.

COLLEGE PARK, Md., March 19 (UP).—Manager Ossie Bluege handpicked his Cuban delegation today and gave temporary approval to four south of the border candidates, shortstop Manuel Hidalgo, pitcher Louis Aloma, second baseman Hector Arago and shortstop Pedro Gomez.

Bluege said he was eager for the arrival of Alex Carrasquel but the veteran pitcher still was in Venezuela.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 19 (UP).—Ken Keltner, Cleveland Indian third baseman, left the club's spring training camp today for Milwaukee where he will report tomorrow for induction. Keltner, 28, has two children. His loss was the most serious Cleveland has suffered since Bob Feller enlisted in the Navy after Pearl Harbor.

PITTSBURGH, March 19 (UP).—Pirate third baseman Bobby Elliott was rejected a third time today for military service because of head injuries suffered two years ago when he was struck by a pitched ball. His case was referred to the adjutant General's office in Washington for final action.

WHN—Johannes Steel
3:00—WEAF—Ginny Simms, Songs
WOR—Frank Singler, News
WJZ—Ted Malone—From Overseas
WABC—Big Town
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
3:15—WOR—Curt Massey, Songs
WJZ—Lum and Abner
3:30—WEAF—A Date With Judy
WOR—Roy Rogers Show
WJZ—Alan Young Show
WABC—Theatre of Romance
3:55—WABC—Bill Henry, News

9:00-WEAF, WOR, WJZ, WABC, WMCA
WQXR—President Roosevelt
Speaking for the 1945 Red Cross
Appeal for Funds

9:05-WEAF—Mystery Theatre
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—Norman Cordon, Baritone
WABC—Inner Sanctum—Play
WMCA—News; Newspaper Guild
WQXR—World-Wide News Review

9:15-WOR—Real Stories
WQXR—Salon de Musique

9:30-WEAF—Fibber McGee and Molly
WOR—American Forum
WJZ—Spotlight Band
WABC—This Is My Best
WMCA—Cavalcade of Music

9:45-WMCA—My Story—Greater New
York Fund Drama

9:55-WJZ—Short Story

10:00-WEAF—Bob Hope, Comedian
WJZ—Transatlantic Quiz
WABC—Service to the Front
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Recorded Album

10:15-WOR—Paul Shubert
WMCA—War Criminals—Herbert O.
Fell

10:30-WEAF—Hildegarte, Songs
WOR—The Symphonette
WJZ—Listen to the Women
WABC—Congress Speaks
WMCA—Frank Kingdom
WQXR—The Music Box

10:45-WABC—Behind the Scenes at CBS
WABC—Eleanor Lansing, Songs
WQXR—Spanish Songs

11:00-WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WABC, WJZ—News; Music
WQXR—News; Just Music

11:05-WJZ—W. S. Gallmer

11:30-WEAF, WOR—Sketch
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera U. S. A.
WABC—Casey, Press Photographer

12:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music
WJZ, WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News Reports

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Film Front

The Maquis of 1789 In 'Dawn Over France'

by David Platt

DAWN OVER FRANCE. Directed by Andre Hugon. Scenario by Carlo Rini. Music by Jean Janin. English titles by Charles Clement. At the World Theatre.

Dawn Over France, the new inmate at the neatly re-decorated World Theatre, is the story of the struggles of the oppressed French people leading up to the glorious revolution of 1789 and the beginnings of democracy on the continent. One of the last films produced before Paris fell to the Nazis, it features the famous French actor Raimu as a fighting leader of the exploited peasants. This is far different from the role that Raimu played during the occupation.

Dawn Over France has its heart in the right place. The heroes steal from the rich to give to the poor. The prisons are jammed with victims of "let 'em eat cake" justice. . . . The decadent nobles are slyly unaware that world-shaking events are just around the corner. But this well-meaning movie of the French Maquis of 1789 is so poorly written and directed, the approaching dawn of the First Republic leaves one completely listless. This goes double for the newsreel epilogue which draws an unconvincing parallel between the past heroic efforts of the French and the present internecine war against Hitler.



GOING MY WAY

We may as well face it. Going My Way (Paramount) is by far the most popular film of 1944. It has won about every award and poll in sight, including the Hollywood Academy "Oscar" and the No. 1 film award of the New York Film Critics. It has been cited as the best film by the New York Foreign Language Press Film Critics, the National Board of Review, the Young Reviewers Committee of the National Board, Film Daily, Photoplay Magazine, Showman's Trade Review, Look Magazine, Redbook, Boxoffice Magazine, Country Gentleman, Motion Picture Herald, Philadelphia Inquirer, Louisville Courier-Journal, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Dallas News, Buenos Aires Film Critics, The Sign (National Catholic Magazine), the Tidings (Los Angeles Catholic magazine). . . . But my favorite—Wilson (20th Fox) looms as the second most popular picture of the year. It came out second in the Academy voting. Lamar Trotti won an "Oscar" for the best original screen play with Wilson. Leon Shamroy was cited for his color cinematography in Wilson. The Irving G. Thalberg memorial award to the individual contributing most to the motion picture industry, went to Darryl F. Zanuck, producer of Wilson. Wait till the picture really gets around to the people. . . .

PAC HELPED TOO

Sources close to the Democratic National Committee recently told Irving Hoffman of the Hollywood Reporter that Wilson was a "tremendous aid and a firm push over the precipice into oblivion for Nye and Fish and several other isolationists." According to Hoffman, the picture played more than 30 engagements in the Dakotas area, and in Washington State "it is credited by local political observers with having defeated the isolationist candidates who might otherwise have won." . . . It was outstanding up and down the Pacific Coast, "with the exception of Oregon, where it was good but not great . . . a look at the election returns in this area shows why. "It was excellent in the eastern areas that went strongly FDR at the polls "but it took a beating in New Jersey and Vermont . . . and did poorly in Michigan and Ohio, with the exception of Cleveland. . . ." Hoffman reveals that "anti-isolationists in inner circles in Washington" are convinced that when the picture is released to 15,000 movie-houses throughout the nation at popular prices this spring, "it will go a long way toward mopping up any isolationist pockets that still remain."

HENREID TALKS SENSE

Paul Henreid, the Warner Bros. star made a rather important observation regarding the Wilson picture at the Hollywood Writers Award premiere for Tomorrow the World. "Do we believe in motion pictures as a worldwide influence?" he asked. "Then I submit how many lives would have been saved if the magnificent film Wilson had been produced and exhibited in 1918 or 1919?" Henreid said he was not proposing that all films "shall be socially significant" but felt that it was time to begin writing and producing "in line with the hopes and ideals of the people everywhere." He concluded: "Surely, the men, women and children who have paid with suffering and sacrifice in the theatre of war will pay ten cents or a quarter in the theatre of peace to see and hear their ideals expressed and defended. I appeal to you as an actor. Give us the words and the stage directions that mean victory and peace and decency. I, and hundreds of others, will speak them."

Horowitz Premieres Prokofieff Sonata at Soviet Consulate

Serge Prokofieff's new Piano Sonata (No. 8) will receive its Western Hemisphere premiere today (Tuesday) at a reception given by the Soviet Consulate in New York. It will be played by Vladimir Horowitz, distinguished pianist, who was personally invited by Prokofieff to introduce the work.

The Eighth Piano Sonata is being published by Leeds Music Corporation (Am-Rus Edition), sole authorized publisher and distributor of Soviet-Russian music in the Americas. Mr. Horowitz is editing the new sonata, as well as Prokofieff's Sixth and Seventh Piano Sonatas, which he also premiered. Executive officers of Leeds Music, invited by the Soviet Consulate to attend the March 20 premiere, include George Levy, General Manager, Eugene Weintraub, Director of

the Am-Rus Rental Library, and Lou Singer, Managing Director of the Standard Division.

Harrison Forman At Rolland Memorial

Harrison Forman, author of the best selling Report From Red China will speak at the Romain Rolland memorial meeting under the auspices of New Masses at Carnegie Hall on Friday, March 30, at 8 p.m. The program also includes Howard Fast, author of Freedom Road; Frank Gervasi, foreign correspondent of Colliers; Lisa Sergio, commentator on world affairs, and Richard Watts, Jr., former Editor-in-Chief of the Office of War Information in Chungking.

Jewish Theatre Ensemble Embraces Workers in Many Trades and Crafts

By EUGENE GORDON

The Jewish Peoples Ensemble, for several Saturday nights, has been presenting The Downfall of Haman at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48 St. The play still has a few Saturdays to run. You must see it. The Ensemble is a part of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order.

The Downfall of Haman is today, as the Morning Freiheit's Nathaniel Buchwald says in a program note, "a by-word denoting the inevitable defeat of those who plot evil against the Jewish people," the phrase being an allusion to the biblical story of Esther, around which this musical folk tale is built.

The story is known, however, not only to Jews; it is a widely familiar to Christians. It was a favorite with my Baptist-minister father, who occasionally read it as introductory to the Sunday morning Bible lesson and prayer preceding breakfast.

PROFESSIONAL CAST

The ensemble, typifying a revival of the serious Jewish theatre, embraces a group of workers in various fields, practically all of whom have been professional actors.

Max Shneiderman (Prince Haman) makes women's handbags. Avrum Hirschbein (Mordecai) is a diamond-cutter by trade. Jacob Gostinsky (Memuchon) is a barber. Harry Rosen (Mezuman) is a presser and a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Jack Leob (Stargazer) works in a musical instrument store. Goldie Russler (Herald) keeps house.

Hyman Lowenstein (conspirator) toils in a synthetic rubber plant. Max Applebaum (officer of the guard), an ex-service man, is a student under provisions of the GI Bill of Rights. Amelia Joseph (bridesmaid and dancer) is a stenographer (and a Negro). Zumi Chernoff (conspirator) is an operator in the fur industry. Ray Cohen (singer) works on the Freiheit.

Despite their various occupations six days a week and acting only one night out of seven, the players of the Jewish Theatre Ensemble can match—and DO—any professional group in New York.

A GREAT GOAL

They can perform this amazing feat because, first of all, most of them have had years of professional experience. Every actor listed above, excepting Miss Joseph and Applebaum, was with the Artef Players. Leib Freilich (King Ahasuerus), a printer, studied acting and ballet before he joined Artef. That experience is manifest in both his playing and his views on the function of the theatre.

Luby Rymer (Queen Vashti) is a dramatic school graduate and an actress of long practice. She taught makeup at the New Theatre school. Any regular theatregoer seeing Miss Rymer's Queen Vashti on a Satur-

Ballet Russe Special Performance

The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo will give a special performance at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Tuesday (tonight) at 8:15 o'clock. The performance marks the closing event in the Major Concert Series for 1944-1945, sponsored by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. The evening will be devoted to three of the most popular ballets produced by the company: Les Sylphides, Scheherazade, and The Red Poppy.

Four Art Shows At the YMHA

A series of group shows by members of the Artists League of America will be held in the Kaufmann Lounge of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, Lexington Ave. at 92 St., N. Y., on the following dates: March 20, April 11, April 24 and May 14.

At the Gem Theatre

The Stalin Award film The Rainbow will be presented today only at the Gem Theatre, 181 St. and St. Nicholas Ave.



Benjamin Zemach, director of Downfall of Haman.

day night could arrive honestly at but one conclusion: It is essential that we do all we can to help the Jewish Theatre Ensemble and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order to realize their dream of establishing a Jewish people's theatre. He would arrive at this conclusion as a result of being convinced by the artistry of these part-time players that they ought to become fulltime players.

Benjamin Zemach has done an excellent job with direction and choreography.

It is not a question, in my opinion, of bringing back the Artef Players as the "only" group of serious Jewish actors, performing professionally, in the United States. It is a matter, it seems, of establishing a theatre of the Jewish people somewhere, with branches or affiliates in all Jewish communities. Thousands of legends, from the Old Testament and elsewhere in Hebrew literature, await interpretation (or reinterpretation) in the light of the world today. Thousands of new stories, some of which—particularly in the Europe which fascism lately dominated—are already legendary, await dramatization and presentation.

AN ENGLISH VERSION

The Jewish Theatre Ensemble, expanded into a Jewish theatre movement throughout the United States, could do as many a "little theatre" among the Negro peoples has tried to do: teach the people something of their own traditions and culture. Such a renaissance at this time should, indeed, be considered imperative, there being no better way, after this long night of Nazi darkness, to dramatize for the young the truth of their people's

right to hold up their heads in human pride and self-respect.

I would like to see The Downfall of Haman played in English in Harlem; to see it and other plays out of Jewish folklore presented in every English-speaking community. Professional presentation would be splendid, though (I fear) impossible—for a while. There is little reason why community groups similar to the Jewish Theatre Ensemble could not perform as often as possible.

Zelder Lerner (Esther), fine actress, was with Artef nine years. She is a housewife. She said, regarding the character she portrays:

"I was rather shocked, at first, when I came to play Esther, for I had thought of her as a heroic figure. In this play she was not at all heroic—when looked at superficially. In the final analysis, however, she was heroic, though circumstances over which she had no control made her so. What is important is that, at a moment when she could save her people, she saved them. Most heroes are creatures of circumstances. They are none the less heroes because of that."

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Late Bulletins

Carrier Assault on Japanese Cities Goes Into Second Day

GUAM, Tuesday, March 20 (UP).—Hundreds of American carrier planes continued their attacks on Japan Monday, striking at Kobe, Kure and other objectives in and around the inland sea, it was announced today.

The communique from Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz gave no further details of the second straight day of the carrier airstrike on Japan.

The raid was continuing even while the ruins of a big area of central Nagoya still smoldered after a devastation attack by 325 to 350 Superfortresses in the early hours of the morning.

OPA Freezes Price Mark-Ups In Stores at Present Level

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—Paving the way for consumers to benefit by future price reductions, the Office of Price Administration tonight ordered approximately 300,000 retail stores to "freeze" their price mark-ups at the level prevailing today.

Retail stores affected are those selling clothing, textiles, furniture and house furnishings.

Under provisions of the order—hailed by OPA as "one of the most important events in retail price control" since the general maximum price regulation went into effect in May, 1942—the additions retailers may add to wholesale costs will not be allowed to increase.

New Orders by Authorities In Reich Bare Growing Chaos

LONDON, March 19 (UP).—German authorities in a drastic move to end chaos caused by Allied advances and devastation air raids cancelled all Army leaves tonight, ordered compulsory registration of refugees and commandeered civilians to betray to police all deserters from the Army and Labor Corps.

In a confession of the confusion inside Germany, DNB, the official agency, said in a broadcast:

"Many citizens in past weeks have sought refuge in the interior of the Reich, including workers, employees and civil servants. They have abandoned places of work and employment."

"Soldiers have lost touch with their units or commanding officers through enemy action."

"The following is stipulated:

"Leave will be granted only in case of illness or for special gallantry."

"Men from enemy occupied territories will no longer be received."

"All persons who have left their places of residence since January, 1945, must register at once."

"All men who have not yet been called up in the age group between 60 and 16 must register at once at Army district offices."

The Moscow radio said that in Kolberg, Red Army troops found bodies of German soldiers and civilians hanging from gallows bearing labels:

"I was hanged because I did not fight well."

"I was hanged because I tried to evacuate myself too soon."

Screen Actors Guild Taking Strike Ballot by Mail

HOLLYWOOD, March 19.—Mail ballots were pouring in from members of the Screen Actors Guild with the result expected to be known some time tonight, to determine if film stars will join the strike here.

In the meantime, 4,000 members of the Screen Office Employees Guild and 300 press agents were back at work.

Herbert Sorrell, president of the Conference of Studio Employees, who called the strike over jurisdictional rights for 78 set decorators,

was still holding to his week-long walkout.

The producers claimed that shooting of pictures was going on as usual with the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, with whom Sorrell's union is in dispute, supplying the technicians.

Two independent unions, the Screen Writers and Screen Directors, issued statements opposing the strike and suggested that the jurisdictional dispute be put in the hands of the War Labor Board.

Subs Sink 15 More Japanese Ships

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—The Navy announced today that American submarines have sunk 15 more Japanese ships to run their total haul since Pearl Harbor to 1,072 enemy vessels.

Yanks Land on Panay Island

MANILA, Tuesday, March 20 (UP).—American forces have made a surprise landing on Panay Island midway between Mindanao and Luzon, extending their grip to 25 Philippine islands, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

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Through the wrecked streets of Guding, Germany, men of the reconnaissance group of the 63rd Division advance cautiously while, in the background, smoke rises from burning buildings. Guding is but six kilometers from the German city of Saarbrücken.

The Veteran Commander

REMAGEN ACCIDENT

SO MUCH has still remained unexplained about the Ludendorff bridge that suppositions can easily go completely astray from the facts. However, certain things are becoming clear.

To begin with, the execution of three German majors and one lieutenant, with the sentencing of one captain in absentia, plainly shows that there was something more than the drunkenness of one young officer in our capture of the bridge. It seems there was some highly skillful and daring spade-work done by our Army Intelligence, work which paved the way for the seizure of the bridge almost intact. The speed with which our operational plans were switched, reportedly at the command of General Eisenhower against the advice of some staff officers, to exploit the new situation, leads one to believe that the possibility of the capture of the bridge was at least dimly foreseen.

On the contrary, the second part of the bridge epic, i. e., its collapse after 10 days of service to our troops, appears much less "mysterious." Most probably the Germans, who had been shelling the bridge heavily until their batteries were pushed out of range by our advancing troops, managed to land one lucky shell on the bridge some days ago. It weakened the structure and attempts at repairs by our engineers were unsuccessful. The structure collapsed.

There is no doubt that since the shell landed on the bridge our command has been speeding up construction of additional pontoon bridges, ferry landings, etc. One commentator said the other day that we now had "nine pontoon bridges" in the vicinity of Remagen. Be this as it may, there is little doubt that, after 10 days, measures to offset the loss of the bridge have been taken.

Meanwhile the Germans are retreating quickly in the Moselle-Saar-Rhine triangle, and it looks as if they had decided to withdraw across the Rhine along its entire length. There is an outside chance that they plan to use the shock troops which they are withdrawing from the Kaiserlautern place d'armes for a counter blow at the Remagen bridgehead southeast.

The Patton-Patch team is biting hard into

the above place d'armes in a series of armored stabs which are converging on Kaiserlautern from the north, west and south. Our Air Force will probably concentrate on the Limburg-Montabaur-Wiesbaden stretch of the Super-Highway which the Germans would have to use for the shuttling of their shock troops from the Worms, Mannheim and Mainz crossings toward the Remagen bridgehead, if they intend to enact the maneuver described above. However, it must be remembered that the enemy is sensitive about the approaches to Bavaria and Austria and, therefore, might be loathe to denude the defense of the Black Forest sector of the Rhine by a shift of troops northward, even if our right wing is comparatively weak and does not menace the Stuttgart-Ulm-Munich direction seriously.

All in all, it may be said that the great Rhine bridgehead of the enemy is about to be cleaned up, and it took us six months to do it.

Allied air forces are dealing terrific blows to the narrowing rear of Germany, with Berlin receiving approximately a ton per second during a whole hour on Sunday.

American fighter pilots who flew beyond Berlin to have a look-see at the Soviet front teamed up with Russian fliers in warding off an attack by German dive-bombers on a Soviet airfield east of the Oder. The fliers did their bit by downing a couple of enemy planes, waved to their Soviet comrades and flew off.

Marshal Zhukov has captured the Baltic port of Kolberg, while Marshal Rokossovsky is further tightening the noose around the Danzig and Braunsberg pockets on the Bay of Danzig. The outer defenses of Königsberg are being further whittled down.

Our Superforts raided Nagoya in heavy strikes. Carrier based planes from a fleet which hovered under Japan's very nose struck at the Island of Kyushu.

Philippine-based planes carries out attacks from Formosa to Borneo and beyond.

Mrs. Churchill To Visit USSR

LONDON, March 19 (UP).—Mrs. Winston Churchill disclosed today that she will "be off to Moscow very shortly" for a month's visit to inspect Soviet hospital facilities and methods of treating casualties.

Nurse-Draft Bill Urgent, Says Stimson

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today urged prompt enactment of nurse-draft legislation. He said "the wounded cannot wait."

Stimson's plea was contained in a letter to Committee Chairman Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah). He said that unless the bill is enacted the Army would still be short 9,000 nurses on June 1.

